

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 5 with the corresponding amended claim 5.

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5. A coated cemented carbide body comprising:

A gamma phase consisting essentially of TaC, TiC and WC, wherein the Ta/Ti-ratio is 2.0-3.0, the body having a CW ratio of 0.75-0.95, the CW ratio expressed as:

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CW ratio = $M_s / (\text{wt. \% Co} * 0.0161)$, wherein M_s is the measured saturation magnetization of the body and wt. % Co is the weight percentage of Co in the cemented carbide, the body further comprising a surface zone that is essentially gamma phase-free and is binder rich.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 1-23 were pending. By the present response, claim 5 has been amended and claims 19-23 have been withdrawn. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 1-18 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the present claim amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following portions of the disclosure: original claims 1-18.

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